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Xtreme team tops 37th Annual Elk Point Oilmen's Bonspiel

VICKI BROOKER
 Review Staff

Saturday was Curling Day in Canada, and in Elk Point, Richard Smyl skipped the Xtreme rink to victory in the B & R Eckels Heavy Oil 'A' Event at the 37th Annual Elk Point Oilmen's Bonspiel with a final win over Don Anderson and the Elk Point Oilmen's Association II rink.

Xtreme advanced to the final after defeating the Elk Point Oilmen's I rink skipped by Jon Regnier, while Anderson's crew defeated the Rona/Shamrock rink skipped by Brandon Tupper.

In the Hahn Welding Oilsands 'B' Event, Lyle Froelich and his Marksman rinkmates made short work of the Tervita/PCM foursome skipped by Tyson Stafford after defeating the B & R foursome, skipped by Doug Lindquist in the semifinals, while Stafford's rink came into the game with a win over Encore Environmental, skipped by Tyler Warawa.

The JPD Enterprises Huff & Puff 'C' event definitely lived up to its name, as it took eight full ends for Darcy Stafford and his Bones rink to win over Dave Cousins and the PTW Energy squad, those teams advancing to the final with wins over Diablo Oilfield, skipped by Calvin Fisher, and Prairie Tech Oilfield, skipped by Carson Vogel.

The Prairie Tech rink, which also included young curlers Hunter Nelson, Zane Cribbins and Dustin Pinder, took home the Highway Event prizes sponsored by Bear Slashing.

Curtis Porcina placed first and Calvin Fisher second in the Draw to the Button event, sponsored by CRJ Trucking and Blue Wave Energy.

This year's Oilmen's Bonspiel was the smallest in the event's history, with only 12 rinks taking part in the three days of competition, down from 16 rinks last year.

The weekend wound up with a banquet at the Seniors Recreation Centre and draws for an array of prizes contributed by a long list of sponsors.



ON THE BUTTON – Ken Ference keeps a sharp eye on the line as Robyn Moroziuk and Rob Fortier sweep Richard Smyl's rock toward a takeout in the final end of the Heavy Oil 'A' Event at the 37th Annual Oilmen's Bonspiel.

Vicki Brooker photo

School divisions react to education funding details

JANICE HUSER
 Review Contributor

Schools divisions across the province have been anxiously waiting for details on what a new education funding model will look like, and last week they received some of those details through a Government of Alberta announcement.

On Feb. 18, the provincial government offered information on what it describes as "a new way to fund Alberta's K-12 education system."

The release says, "The new model streamlines operations and directs more dollars to each school division. In the 2020-21 school year, every single division will see an increase in operational funding."

St. Paul Education Regional Division board chair Heather Starosielski said the division has been "anxiously" waiting for information regarding the new funding model.

"It was a welcome surprise to receive some details well ahead of the provincial budget that will be released later this month," said Starosielski. "So far, this new model appears to be a step in the right direction in regards to providing some predictability on funding and allowing for more autonomy."

The new model will move away from basing funding on one-year enrolment counts and instead will use a three-year average, "minimizing the need for mid-year adjustments to school budgets," according to the media release. "The move will help school divisions plan their finances well in advance of the start of the school year."

According to Starosielski, the new model will also strip down the number of grants from 36 to 15. "Which should help with some of the reporting requirements and allow for greater flexibility to adapt to the unique needs of each division."

One of the highlights of the new model listed will be simplifying grants.

"School boards can now spend less time on unnecessary reporting and administration work and more time focusing on students," said Grant Hunter, Associate Minister of Red Tape Reduction, in the media release.

A second highlight is providing funding to support specialized learning needs, including Program Unit Funding (PUF), funding for English as a Second Language students, French as a Second Language students, refugee students, and First Nations, Métis and Inuit students.

Managing system growth and providing funding predictability are also listed as highlights.

"A move to a block-funding model for small rural schools will also ensure the long-term viability of these schools where per-student funding does not provide adequate resources to properly

deliver programs and services," reads the release.

The province met with each public, separate and Francophone school division, along with other partners, in the fall of 2019. Divisions, overall, said they wanted more predictability and flexibility in funding, according to the government.

"This funding approach is a significant change from the current model," admits Conseil scolaire Centre-Est board chair Reginald Roy, when asked for comment on the announcement. He added, "Until such time as we see the budget and the complete funding details, it is very difficult for us to evaluate it and comment on it."

"Once the actual budget is delivered on Feb. 27, we will review further and be able to comment in greater detail. St. Paul Education's goal is still to protect the classroom," said Starosielski.

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Elk Point Oilmen's Bonspiel



B & R ECKELS HEAVY OIL 'A' EVENT winners, who received their trophy from Curtis Porcina, were, left to right, Xtreme Oilfield skip Richard Smyl, Robyn Moroziuk, Rob Fortier and Ken Ference, who won over the Elk Point Oilmen's Association II, front, left to right, Don Anderson, Owen Gibson, David Yushchyshyn and Dean Rogal.

Vicki Brooker photo



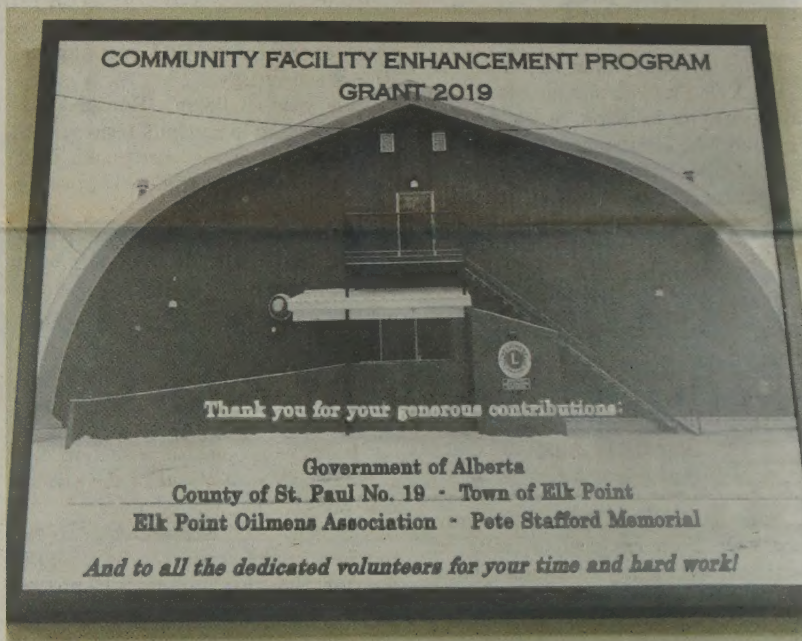
HAHN WELDING OILSANDS 'B' EVENT – Curtis Porcina presents the trophy to the Marksmen rink, left to right, Lyle Froehlich, Murray Froehlich, Jon Sloman and Cameron Bredin after their win over Tervita, front, left to right, Tyson Stafford, Lane Lorensen and Wade Poitras.

Vicki Brooker photo



JPD ENTERPRISES HUFF & PUFF 'C' EVENT – Curtis Porcina presented the trophy to the Bones rink, left to right, Darcy Stafford, Dustin 'Bones' Yaremkechich, Yvon Fontaine and Preston Krankowsky, while runners-up, seated left to right, Dave Cousins, Allen Smyl and Todd Jacula of the PTW Energy rink took a well-deserved rest after some serious sweeping.

Vicki Brooker photo



GRANT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT – Although the photo had not yet arrived in time for the Grand Opening last fall, it is now hung in a place of honor in the Elk Point Curling Club, recognizing the sponsorships and volunteer hours that made the recent upgrading of the rink, inside and out, possible.

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Family Day fun at A. G. Ross Arena



Vicki Brooker photos

THE TOWN OF ELK POINT hosted their annual Family Day event last Monday at A. G. Ross Arena, with an excellent crowd of families on hand to enjoy free skating for everyone from beginners to seniors, free hot dogs and hamburgers cooked up and served by (below, left to right) Mayor Lorne Young, Deputy Mayor Terri Hampson, Couns. Tim Smereka and Debra McQuinn and Recreation Director Cristin Tchir. Some participants, including Lauryn Smith, right, even went home with a glitter tattoo as a souvenir of Family Day 2020.



Pink Shirt Day tomorrow!

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Back in 2007 in a small town in Nova Scotia, David Shepherd, Travis Price and their teenage friends organized a high-school protest to wear pink in sympathy with a Grade 9 boy who was being bullied for wearing a pink shirt. They took a stand against bullying when they protested against the harassment by distributing pink T-shirts to all the boys in their school. When the bullied boy walked in, it is said that 'It looked like a huge weight was lifted off his shoulders,' and as for the bullies, they were never heard from again.

That act of kindness started a wave that has crossed not only our nation, but spread around the world.

Here in Elk Point, former F. G. Miller High School employee Sherry Bower-Gagne rallied the troops back in 2012, when the school's Practitioners of Underground Philanthropy (PUP) group

not only donned pink shirts against bullying but many dyed their hair pink in a fundraiser for Haying in the 30s Cancer Support Society. That was a one-time event, but the Pink Shirt Day kept going strong for another six years, with the PUP asking Town Council to proclaim the day and urging the whole community to wear pink, a movement that had some still observing Pink Day in 2019.

Across the street at Elk Point Elementary, pink-shirted students gathered for their first huge picture in 2013, and have continued the tradition ever since. They will do it again tomorrow, in the ongoing crusade against bullying, and would be more than happy to see the whole community wearing pink in support of this important cause.

This year's Pink Shirt Day theme is 'Lift Each Other Up', encouraging us to look beyond our differences and to focus on what unites us as people.

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Each year about this time since 1994, Elk Point has been the place to be for collectors and fans of vintage snowmobiles, as the Elk Point Trail Riders hosted their annual Vintage Snowmobile Show and Shine, usually followed by a trail ride and trophy presentations.

This year, however, the Trail Riders are "sad to say, not this year. Everyone has been so busy this year, we haven't had time," some of the dedicated mem-

bers not even finding time to take their sleds out, according to club member Kyla Cameron, who added, "We are pretty sad about it. We wished we had more members, there's just never enough help" to carry out an event of this size. "It also has a lot to do without a lot of snow" on the area's trails, which makes the sport less appealing and can be hard on the machines.

While she can't do much about the weather, Cameron says, "I promise that next year, I will make things happen."

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Let kindness begin

The theme of this year's Pink Shirt day is 'Lift Each Other Up', with everyone urged to move past our differences and focus on our similarities.

While Pink Shirt Day began as a move to banish bullying in schools, it has grown to encompass much more than that, with the dawning recognition that bullying is not just a factor in school halls and on playgrounds, but in workplaces, sports venues and all across the nation, right up to and including governments.

It may not be as visible as being pushed around on the playground, but it's everywhere, from strikes and blockades to political debates, with name calling and violence that makes playground pushing and shoving look like minor incidents.

The kids, through the campaigns in our schools, are learning to respect and understand each other, to focus on being kind, and as they say at Elk Point Elementary, being bucket fillers, rather than wanting to undermine each other's efforts to be happy and productive.

Apparently some of the adults didn't get this vital training in their past. They still put each other down for everything from racial and political differences to being in a different tax bracket or occupation.

Wearing a pink shirt tomorrow won't change the whole world, but it might remind someone to think about their actions, and who those actions might hurt.

RECREATION CORNER

Start planning your escape!

CRISTIN TCHIR
Recreation Director

Thank you to everyone who joined us this past Family Day at the arena. It was a pretty busy day for Mayor Young and Councillors Terri, Debbie and Tim, cooking up burgers, hot dogs and serving coffee and hot chocolate for everyone! Thank you to the Golden Loaf Bakery for the buns, Cornerstone Co-op for supplying the condiments and mini chocolate bars and thanks to ECDC for hiring the glitter tattoo artist for the day, and of course the A. G. Ross Arena for letting us use the facility for the day. It looked like everyone enjoyed themselves and the free food!

The Recreation Committee has been busy planning events for the year, next up we have acquired a mobile escape room company to come set up in town on March 27th. There will be two escape rooms, the difficulty set up for the age group. Keep an eye out on our Facebook and Instagram pages to find out how to register. This will not be a drop-in event, participants will have to register and pay prior to partaking in this event. Parents, you will be able to send your paid kids to do this on their own, ages eight and up... obviously they will need to be able to read well, no age requirements or limits with an adult in attendance. They will be able to accommodate six people per room and you can do both escape rooms. Stay tuned for more information!

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WAY BACK WHEN...

New staff, new presidents, acute care and emergency saved

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1985

Four new employees, FCSS Director Marie Buck, Recreation Director Neil McMann, FCSS/Rec Department secretary Linda Piotrowski and Jack and Jill Playschool teacher Carolina Mayner joined the Town of Elk Point staff in February. Town council studied the possibility of funding a downtown spruce-up program in the downtown business district.

1990

New Chamber of Commerce president Millie Orr took over the reins with a busy agenda that included unsatisfactory cable television reception and numerous requests to business owners to sign forms from Social Services applicants making job searches. Town Coun. Allan Frankiw presented four briefs to the Northern Alberta Development Council, regarding the need for widening Highway 41 from Elk Point to the Highway 28 junction, an updated impact assessment study, solutions to water supply problems, and desire for a community services centre.

1995

Elk Point heaved a huge sigh of relief when acute care and 24-hour emergency service were saved from elimination in the second draft of the Lakeland Regional Health Authority's "blueprint for health delivery", which stated that while it would become a community health centre, it would retain 10 in-patient beds and emergency service. Alberta's proposed Water Management and Conservation Act was the focus of the Elk Point Surface Rights Association meeting, with representatives of Alberta Environment and the Alberta Cattlemen's Association on hand to take part in the discussion.

2000

United Pacific Resources introduced their Moose Hills - Kehewin development program, which would see close to 650 wells drilled by the end of 2003, at a total cost of over \$240 million. Elk Point Chamber of Commerce's "genial but wacky" president Eugene Buck was a refreshing change, the new, third generation president proudly displaying his Grandfather McDonnell's pocket watch, which he said "very well could have been at the chamber's very first meeting" in 1938.

2005

Elk Point Chamber of Commerce annual meeting took five tries before former treasurer Sandy Smith was persuaded to become president, with Shirley Harms as vice president and Lesia Porcina taking he vacated treasurer's chair. Elk Point headed toward a healthier future after Community Choosewell Challenge chairperson Mona McGinnis visited town council seeking support in promoting good nutrition and an active lifestyle.

2010

Elk Point Chamber of Commerce held its first election vote in recent years to determine who would be the new treasurer, that position taken by Geoff Hyslop, replacing Debra McQuinn who moved up to vice president. Canada Day committee members looked into the possibility of Canada flag banners or pennants to decorate the downtown light standards and holding an outdoor teen bandstand.

2015

F. G. Miller High School stood up against bullying in a big way, encouraging the community at large to perform random acts of kindness and everyone to wear pink on Feb. 25 in support of the Canada-wide Anti-Bullying Day. Greater Lakeland Rural Crime Watch held its Annual General, with the 2014 executive returned to their posts for another year, but a decrease in the frequency of meetings.

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Canada



ELK POINT PEEWEE AVALANCHE took home the silver medals from the Pool G final of the Winterland Invitational Hockey Tournament on the Feb. 14 to 16 weekend.

Elk Point plays host to second Winterland Invitational

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

For the second consecutive year, Elk Point Minor Hockey was one of three hosts to the Winterland Invitational Hockey Tournament, a fundraising initiative for Ronald McDonald Houses in Alberta. Last year for the first time, they joined Bonnyville and Glendon as one of the host locations for the 36-team Atom and PeeWee tournament that brought over 550 families to northeast Alberta.

The three arenas were buzzing all weekend with a total of 63 games between noon on Friday and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, including finals in nine pools, with two of those finals, the Atom Pool C and the PeeWee Pool

G, held in Elk Point on Sunday.

Elk Point PeeWee Avalanche were part of the action this year and played two games on their home ice, their first game on Friday night a 4-1 victory over Bonnyville 2. Saturday saw the Avalanche travel to Bonnyville, where they edged out the Edmonton 289 Hawks by a single point, with a 3-2 final score.

Sunday saw them play back-to-back games against the Sherwood Park Generals, the first game in Glendon, where they suffered a 6-3 defeat, and the second game at home, where as the second place team in the pool, they met the undefeated Generals in a rematch in Elk Point which earned them the silver medals for a hard-fought 5-3 loss.



VOLUNTEERS Real Fontaine, Tara Campbell and Terri Hampson spent part of their Valentine's Day helping out with fundraising efforts at the Winterland Invitational, which supports Ronald McDonald Houses in Alberta's cities.

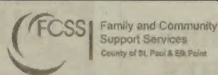


AVALANCHE GOALIE 'Goodyear Charlie' Lesyk keeps a close eye on the action as the Bonnyville Pontiacs attempt to even the score in the second period of the Valentine's Day game at the A. G. Ross Arena. Arena in the Winterland Invitational Tournament on the Feb. 14 to 16 weekend.

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Submitted photo

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DAPHNE SCHNURER
Elk Point Municipal Library

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FROM THE HACK

End of the season!

JOANNE WARAWA
Elk Point Curling Club

Well, this past week marked the end of our regular league games and the Lindquist rink finished in first place. This week will be the first of three weeks of playoffs.

This week we are highlighting the rink skipped by Don Anderson, third Dennell Anderson, second Trina Cameron and lead Dean Cameron. Don is known to be of the best in our club and he and Dennell have been coaching the senior high teams for a few years

now. Dean and Trina were newbies last year, but you wouldn't know it watching them now.

The other team we are shining a spotlight on was a last minute put together team who thankfully appear to all like each other! Skipped by Mel Brooker, third Todd Jacula, second Kelly Radcliffe and lead Melissa Skarsen, they may not be at the top of the standings but they don't go down easy. Melissa is a newbie and this is the first year Kelly has curled in regular league, but they are getting better every week.



TEAM ANDERSON - left to right: Don Anderson, Dennell Anderson, Trina Cameron, and Dean Cameron.



TEAM BROOKER - left to right: Kelly Radcliffe, Todd Jacula, Melissa Skarsen, and Mel Brooker.



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Successes

Atom provincial playoff run comes to an end

A heartbreaker and some tears for our little Atom Avalanche team this past week when their provincial hopes ended in dramatic fashion in overtime against the CNN Spurs. The Avalanche had made it to the second last round of provincial round robin after defeating Vermilion and St. Paul earlier and were up on CNN by three goals coming home after the first game, played in Gibbons on Family Day. The second game of the two game, total point series was held here on this past Wednesday night. The Spurs were up 5 to 2 after regulation time, tying the series that would send the game into an extra sudden death period. The Avalanche would have their chances but it was the Spurs that would eventually score and move on to play Vegreville in the final round. The winner of this series will be going to the provincial final.



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BASSETT**

Review Sports

Some people may have doubted the Avalanche could even get past the first round, playing in Atom B when we as a minor hockey association are normally seated in C or D for provincials. And in Atom hockey, every little town still has their best hockey players who haven't moved on to play in another town at a higher level. Often in Atom hockey, one or two players can really control the game. But what a great run for our little team that could! Great job by the coaching staff of Shane Smith, Jeff Morgan and Todd Rawlake. And let's not forget

the team manager who does most of the work making it all happen, Tanya Fontaine.

This past Saturday the Atoms played on the road against the Dewberry/ Marwayne Sled Dogs, losing by a close 3 to 2 score, Kale 'the Hawk' Ockerman and 'Without a Trace' Morgan each scoring a goal and assisting on each other.

The Pee wee Avalanche played their final two regular season league games this past weekend, losing a close one on Saturday and winning big time on Sunday. Both games were played here at home. On Saturday they lost to Plamondon 5 to 4. The Avalanche, getting outplayed for the first two periods, were down 4 to 1 and would really turn it on in the third period, scoring three. But it was too little, too late. 'Top Gunner' Crawford with two goals and an assist, 'Bo Diddley' Fontaine and Ella 'Stellar' Ballas with the other goals. The Flamand brothers, Kaleb 'Formula One' and Madden 'Mad Dog' each with an assist, Spencer 'Goldie Locks' Malachowski also with an assist. On Sunday, they hosted the Frog Lake T Birds and had a easy 12 to 0 win. Four goals for 'Top Gunner' Crawford, a hat trick for Gavin 'Green Light' Kadutski, Madden 'Mad Dog' Flamand with a goal and two assists. Kaysen 'Dynamite' DeMossiac picked their defenseman's pocket and scored a goal. 'Dynamite' also had two helpers. Team captain

Brendon 'Blue Line' Haesch with a goal and an assist. Brayden 'Pinball' Pinette, in front of the net and finding the puck, he pounced on it for a goal. Evett 'Snoop Dog' Smereka sniffing out a goal and two assists. Timmy 'the Freight Train' Cardinal with a really nice one timer on the power play. Two assists each for 'Hurricane Kayl' Warawa and Kaleb 'Formula One' Flamand, Raif 'Rug Rat' Evans Anderson, 'Bo Diddley' Fontaine, 'Cyclone Cole' Pierce and Trystn 'Spectacular' Sakowsky each with an assist. Goalie 'Good Year Charlie' Lesyk getting the shut out. He didn't have very many shots but there were a few very tricky ones to handle.

The Pee wee regular season is now over. Unfortunately they didn't make the playoffs, but they will be playing next weekend in the Vermilion tournament.

The Bantam Avalanche finished the regular season undefeated Saturday when they played their last regular season game at home, defeating the Vermilion Tigers 14 to zip. Seven goals and three assists for league leading 'Mick Jager' Fontaine, two goals and four assists for his brother, rugged Kade 'the Kid' Fontaine. Slippery Seth 'Motor Man' Morton with two goals and three assists, big bruiser Brady 'Bionic Man' Hymanyk with two goals and an assist, slick Sam 'Spiderman' Rogal with a goal and an assist. Three assists for the solid stay at home defenseman 'St. Nic' Penner, the team joker, Josef 'Big Red' Theriault with two assists. Another shut out for goalie captain zero Vanden

'Super Mario' Moroziuk.

The Avalanche finished the regular season in first place. They will be starting the playoffs sometime next weekend. Starting this year, the winner of the league after the playoffs will advance to the C Provincial finals.

Our Micro Novice team travelled to Mallaig to play in a one-day tournament there. No goals to report but it sounded like everyone had a really good time and are playing more and more like a team every week. Great job by coaches Aaron Aarbo, Ryan Hahn and Poncho St. Arnault and the other parents who normally help out with the team.

And a big happy 18th birthday going out today to former midget Avalanche player Hank 'the Tank' Rogal. The 'Tank' is becoming one of our fine young referees in our minor hockey system. He's very competent, has confidence and knows how to control of the games.

Up in the NHL: Only in Toronto could this ever happen. Things are really bad when the Zamboni driver could suit up as the goalie and beat the Leafs! Maybe our Zamboni guy, Brian 'Putts' Poitras should apply for a job there and get the chance to be on Hockey Night in Canada!! And now for the K.A. Campbell quote of the week. "Goaltenders are three sandwiches shy of a picnic. From the moment primitive man lurched erect, he survived on the principle that when something hard and potentially lethal comes toward you at great velocity, you get the heck out of its path." - Jim Taylor

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